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SUBJECT: SSOD - BARTON GROUP MEETING MAY 22, 1978

1. AT BRIEF MEETING AFTERNOON OF MAY 22, BARTON GROUP DECIDED TO REACTIVATE SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS TO CONTINUE WORK ON COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. FRG REP STRESSED THAT NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ON MANY ISSUES ARE STILL FLEXIBLE AND WEST WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF IT HAD SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO SUGGEST ON BRACKETED TEXT. FRENCH REP REITERATED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT OBJECT TO WESTERN GROUP ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, PARIS RESERVED ITS POSITION AND FRENCH WOULD NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING OF WESTERN LANGUAGE.

2. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF RECENTLY-CONCLUDED MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED IN HAVANA, BOTH FRENCH AND GREEK REPS REPORTED THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG NON-ALIGNED CONCERNING DISARMAMENT ISSUE AND SUPPORT FOR NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ADOPTED DURING PREPCOMS. HOWEVER, ON OTHER ISSUES THERE WERE SHARP DIVISIONS BETWEEN "MODERATES" AND "PROGRESSIVES". CUBA, IN PARTICULAR HAD STRESSED NEED TO EMPHASIZE "SOCIALISM" OF NON-ALIGNED. INDIA HAD
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TAKEN LEAD IN OPPOSING THIS VIEW.

3. GREEK REP, CHAIRMAN OF WEOG, REPORTED ON CONVERSATION WITH MOJSOV, YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT OF SSOD, CONCERNING WEOG DESIRE TO HAVE NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE TEMPLETON ELECTED RAPPORTEUR OF SSOD. MOJSOV INDICATED THIS NOT LIKELY AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVELY THAT TEMPLETON BE

MEMBER OF BUREAU AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF ONE DRAFTING GROUP.
BARTON GROUP AGREED THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FALLBACK
POSITION AND EXPRESSED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR TEMPLETON'S
CHAIRING DRAFTING GROUP FOR PROGRAM OF ACTION.
4. BARTON GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS
TO REVIEW WORK OF SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON SSOD DOCUMENTS.
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